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DOING A LITTLE LEGWORK

Mehdi Jaouhar, 66, right, and Eleanor Thomas, 70, lead a group of runners on a two-kilometre run along the Rideau Canal to help launch the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend. For more on Thomas and Jaouhar, the winners of the first-ever race weekend 40 years ago, see page 8. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

Put that in your Skype and smoke it

Medical marijuana.
Ottawa clinic offers
patients a 'telemedical'
link to pot-prescribing
doctors over the 'net**TREVOR
GREENWAY**
trevor.greenway@metronews.caAn Ottawa-based medical
marijuana licensing clinic is
reaching out to patients as faras the Yukon by facilitating
doctor visits through Skype.Robert Callaghan, patient
navigator for Medical Mari-
juana Services (MMS), says
telemedicine allows his com-
pany to link remote patients
with pot-prescribing doctors.
Most physicians in Canada are
still hesitant to prescribe the
drug to patients, he says."It is extremely hard to
find a doctor," said Callaghan.
"Our service reaches people.
We are going to process thou-
sands of patients over the next

five years."

MMS opened last year and
set up weekend clinics, seeing
a dozen or so patients over a
few days, charging them \$500
for a consultation with a doc-
tor who could prescribe them
pot. Today, the company is
charging \$300 and consults
with dozens of patients daily.Callaghan said the pro-
cess for screening patients is
"very in-depth." Patients are
required to submit govern-
ment-issued ID, disclose their
medical history and answer anintense questionnaire before
getting an appointment.The College of Physicians
and Surgeons told Metro it is
"concerned" about the recent
changes to the medical mari-
juana access program, which
now make doctors the gate-
keepers of the drug."The challenge for phys-
icians is that for a variety
of reasons, medical mari-
juana does not lend itself to
a prescription," said College
spokesperson Prithi Yelaja.

"There are no standardized

requirements for marijuana,
so unlike other drugs, phys-
icians would have no way of
knowing the potency of the
marijuana, making it difficult
for them to specify the dose
patients should take."Yelaja said that the tele-
medicine policy is "currently
under review," but added that
Ontario doctors who treat pa-
tients via Skype should also
comply with the licensing re-
quirements of "any province,
territory, country," they are
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Ottawa race car driver, 'devoted' dad, dies in crash

Wesley Wallin. Family was planning double birthday celebration for father and son



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Wesley Wallin was planning a big birthday bash for his son this summer at the family's favourite hangout spot: the racetrack.

But the 57-year-old father of two died when he crashed his car on the Capital City Speedway's opening night on Wednesday at around 10:46 p.m.

"I'll see you after the race," ex-wife Debra O'Toole tearfully remembers him telling her. She describes Wallin as a "devoted, loving" father of the couple's two sons, Casey, 18, and Jaime, 22.

O'Toole said she's sure Wallin had a heart attack while driving his eight-cylinder car because she said his head flopped over just before the crash.

Wallin had been racing for seven years and recently

returned from a trip to Richmond, Va. for a NASCAR race. An avid cyclist who always walked to his building maintenance job, Wallin had had a double-bypass surgery about nine years earlier.

O'Toole said Wallin was her best friend and the two had been going to the racetrack together for years.

"We spent the past week on the phone, constantly, with each other, discussing the plans for Casey's 19th birthday, which would have been celebrated the same weekend as Wes's 58th," said O'Toole.

"A day at the track. All our families and their new race car."

Ottawa Paramedics took Wallin to hospital with life-threatening injuries, police said.

Paramedics said when they arrived on the scene the man had no vital signs, and added that he had been involved in a collision that did not appear to have happened during a race.

Ottawa Police Collision Investigators attended the scene and are conducting an investigation into this collision.



Wesley Wallin is seen in this Facebook photo dated May 27, 2012. FACEBOOK

U of O governors to vote on tuition hike



U of O Student Federation President Anne-Marie Roy is against the fee hike. BEN POWLESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

University of Ottawa students will need to shell out more for school in September if a proposed tuition hike passes a vote on Monday.

The university's board of governors will decide whether to increase fees by three per cent for undergrads and five per cent for graduate and professional students — which

amounts to a couple hundred dollars more.

Anne-Marie Roy, president of the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa, said any fee hike is "simply unacceptable."

"This is a couple of hundred dollars compounded year after year," she said, noting that this is the ninth consecutive year

that the board of governors has increased tuition. "We're already being crushed by debt."

She said students graduate with an average of \$37,000 in debt.

For the past four years, University of Ottawa students have protested the board of governors' votes on tuition hikes. Roy said she's not sure whether stu-

dents will be able to protest this year, as the governors are planning to meet in a private room, with a live stream to the greater public. Students are still planning to meet at Tabaret Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

The University of Ottawa's board of governors declined to comment until after the meeting. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

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A monster truck driver uses two cars as a launching pad on Thursday. It's one of the five-ton vehicles that will be featured at Monster Spectacular at the Canadian Tire Centre on Saturday. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Car-crushing monster trucks fly into Ottawa

The show. It also features a bike stunt show and BMX riders



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The monster truck Darren Migues drives stands at about 10-feet-tall, weighs five tons and can easily fly over top of a car a crush it. He says it rides like a Cadillac.

"Once you figure out how to drive 'em, they're very easy to drive and once you get 'em dialed in to where they work good, they really do land like a Cadillac," said Migues, who's from Kansas, but is in Ottawa for the Monster Spectacular show on Saturday.

Expect an arena full of loud, big-wheeled trucks crushing cars, popping wheelies and maybe doing cartwheels.

Although he had "white

knuckles" when he drove his first show eight years ago and he once rolled a truck several times, Migues considers monster truck driving to be one of the safest sports.

A spokesperson for the Canadian Tire Centre said they were expecting a crowd of 10,000 people on Saturday. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$22.50 and can be bought at www.capitaltickets.ca, by phoning 613-599-3267 or in person at the Canadian Tire Centre.

Communist candidate calls for Ontario health-care reform

A Communist Party candidate in Ottawa wants a complete reform of health care, energy and auto insurance across the province and says Ontario is "gradually eliminating" certain health procedures so that private companies can move in and turn a profit on the sick.

Larry Wasslen, candidate for Ottawa Centre says the province is on a slippery slope when it comes to health care and if something isn't done quickly, the province will only cater to the "one per cent."

"We are very, very concerned with this creeping privatization," Wasslen said. "This is a major problem in the health-care field. It's allowing profit into the health-care system and the Communist Party is against that. What it does is allow people with money to get to the front of the queue."

The former Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario nurse



Ottawa Centre Communist Party candidate Larry Wasslen hands out campaign pamphlets on Bank Street Thursday. TREVOR GREENWAL/METRO

says he spent 40 years on the front lines and knows how to fight for the working class. He says he was one of the founders of the CHEO nurse's union in the early 1980s and would spend up to four hours after a night shift speaking to nurses who had lost their jobs.

He argues more austerity measures will only leave the province in a worse situation when it comes to health care and says the focus should be shifted to preventing disease, in particular by eradicating poverty.

TREVOR GREENWAL/METRO

Hudak pledges probe of \$1B gas-plant fiasco

A judicial inquiry along the lines of the probe into the federal Liberal sponsorship scandal is needed for Ontario's \$1.1-billion gas-plant debacle, Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak said Thursday.

Campaigning in Ottawa, Hudak said an inquiry is needed to impress on politicians of all political stripes

that they must put the public interest ahead of their own political interests.

"The gas plant scandal was one of the biggest scandals in Canada's history," Hudak said.

"It was an extraordinary betrayal of the trust that taxpayers have that their tax dollars will be respected."

The provincial Liberal

government, under former premier Dalton McGuinty, scrapped a gas plant in Oakville in 2010 and one in Mississauga in the dying days of the last provincial election in 2011 in what the Tories say was an effort to save seats.

The cost of cancelling the contracts and relocating the plants is estimated as high as \$1.1 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Montfort's future at risk under Tory government: Liberals



Surrounded by fellow Liberal candidates, Ottawa-Vanier MPP Madeleine Meilleur, centre, said she fears losing Montfort, the province's only francophone teaching hospital, if Ontario elects a Progressive Conservative government in June.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Provincial election. Hudak has promised health-care workers won't feel cuts, but MP Meilleur is unconvinced



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The only francophone teaching hospital in Ontario will be in jeopardy if the Progressive Conservatives, whose leader is running on a package of Mike Harris-style public-sector cuts, win the June election, local Liberals warned Thursday at Montfort Hospital.

Madeleine Meilleur, MPP for Ottawa-Vanier, defended the Montreal Road hospital, where for 14 years she worked as a nurse before pursuing a law degree.

Cuts

100,000

The number of public-sector jobs Tim Hudak vows to cut in Ontario

Speaking from the entrance to Wing B, Meilleur and her "Team Ottawa" colleagues, who include Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi and Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Grant Crack, vowed to protect her "alma mater" from being shuttered again. The Harris government in the 1990s shut down 28 hospitals across Ontario, including two in Ottawa, after promising not to close any.

PC Leader Tim Hudak has said he intends to cut 100,000 public jobs but he has also promised that health-care workers won't be affected.

"I believe that Tim Hudak was at the table when the de-

cision was taken to close the Montfort Hospital," Meilleur said, referring to an attempt in 1997 by the province's Health Services Restructuring Commission to close the hospital. The closure was only stopped via a constitutional challenge in divisional court. "Mike Harris promised to eliminate 50,000 jobs in Ontario, and Tim Hudak (says) 100,000 jobs in Ontario. So I think it's more scary than the past experience," she said.

During a campaign stop in Ottawa on Thursday, Hudak congratulated nurses at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) while condemning "reckless overspending and waste" by the current government in the gas-plant scandal.

"Because what's more important than making sure your tax dollars actually go to help out places like CHEO?" asked Hudak.

Soldier from Petawawa dies in military exercise

A soldier based at CFB Petawawa died during military exercises in Alberta Wednesday.

Lt.-Col. Dan Bobbitt, commanding officer of the 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery based at Garrison Petawawa, Ont., died Wednesday during a training exercise at CFB Wainwright, 300 kilometres southeast of Edmonton.

Four other soldiers were also injured when the light armoured vehicle they and Bobbitt were riding in rolled over. Two were taken to hospital in Edmonton in fair condition, while the other two were treated at the base and released.

Military officials have not released any other details, saying the investigation is ongoing.

The LAV III, as it's known in the army, has been involved in more than a dozen roll-overs since it was introduced in 1999, including several accidents in Afghanistan that resulted in at least five fatalities.

The vehicle is in the midst of a \$1-billion upgrade aimed at improving its stability, among other things.

As the vehicles returned



Lt.-Col. Daniel R. Bobbitt is pictured in an undated photo. Military officials confirm Lt.-Col. Bobbitt died when a light armoured vehicle rolled over during a training mission. THE CANADIAN PRESS

from the war, National Defence embarked on an ambitious program to improve the protection, electronics and stability of the vehicle, including the powertrain and suspension. It's not clear whether Bobbitt's vehicle had been up-

graded.

The refurbishment program, being carried out by General Dynamics Land Systems Inc., is expected to finish work on the army's entire fleet by 2017.

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Road closures

Ottawa residents can expect to see rolling street closures Friday through Sunday as runners compete in the 40th edition of the Tamarac Ottawa Race Weekend.

The 2k race starts at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 24.

The following streets will be affected by the race: Laurier, Elgin, Gladstone, Lisgar, Frank, Queen Elizabeth Driveway.

The HTG 5k starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 24.

The following streets will be affected: Elgin, Laurier, Queen, O'Connor, Wellington, Colonel By, Hawthorne Steet, Queen Elizabeth Driveway.

The Lowertown Brewery 10k race starts at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 24.

The following streets will be affected: Elgin, Laurier, Queen Elizabeth Driveway, Lakeside, Bronson, Colonel By, Hawthorne, Catherine, Lisgar, Argyle, Pretoria Bridge, Slater.

The marathon starts at 7 a.m. and **the half-marathon** starts at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 25.

The following streets will be affected by the races at various times: Queen Elizabeth Driveway, Pretoria Bridge, Somerset Street West, Sherwood, Carling, Preston, Fairmont, Wellington West, Wellington/Richmond Road, Athlone, Scott, Island Park Drive, Sir Frederick Banting, the Sir John A Macdonald Parkway, Booth, Elgin, Catherine, Lisgar, Rockcliffe Parkway, Birch, Hemlock, Beechwood, Crichton, Sussex Drive, Stanley, McKay, Springfield, Putman/Marier and Acacia, Crichton, Dufferin.

The Scotiabank Ottawa Kids Marathon starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 25.

The following streets will be affected: Elgin, Lisgar, Cartier, Laurier, Cooper, Somerset West, Somerset, Queen Elizabeth Driveway.

For more information on road closures and course maps, visit runottawa.ca.

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Still going the distance

Tamarac Ottawa Race Weekend. More than 48,000 expected to turn out for event's 40th anniversary this weekend



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It may seem redundant to say a marathon has come a long way, but on the 40th anniversary of what is now the Tamarac Ottawa Race Weekend it seems something of an understatement.

"Time sure flies when you are having fun," quipped Mayor Jim Watson at a launch event Thursday.

"From 146 runners in 1975 this year the 7,000 spots open for the marathon were sold out in January. In total about 48,000 people will participate in the 2014 annual Tamarac Ottawa Race Weekend," said Watson.

This year organizers have added musical acts to the line-



City councillors and Ottawa marathon alumni pose for a photo in front of the Tamarac Ottawa Race weekend sign at Marion Dewar Plaza sporting retro race T-shirts. SEAN MCKIBBIN/METRO

up of entertainment, with artists such as Amos The Transparent, Jim Bryson and Hawksley Workman performing.

"It's normal now because there's a lot of money involved. In my time if I were running for money, I'd be running very hard," said Mehdi Jaouhar, the first ever winner of the men's marathon, when asked about

the times the pro athletes post. An avid runner, who says he prefers running shorter mile and half-mile races, and running to commute, he posted a time of two hours 20 minutes back in 1975.

Jaouhar said he isn't running in the race this weekend, but his female counterpart Eleanor Thomas said she'll be

running to celebrate her 70th birthday. It will be her 17th marathon, and fifth in Ottawa.

"It's a challenge, it's hard. If you don't like running there's no point," she said, noting that she started training for the marathon in January, ramping up to about 70 miles a week. "You can't just go out and run 26 miles. You have to train."

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People attend a demonstration in Abuja, Nigeria, calling on the government to rescue almost 300 kidnapped schoolgirls. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigerian president gives protesters cold shoulder

'Bring back our girls!'
President sends proxy out to talk to crowd, statement urges them to stop criticizing

Scores of protesters chanting "Bring Back Our Girls" marched Thursday to Nigeria's presidential villa to demand more action to free nearly 300 schoolgirls abducted by Islamic militants, but President Goodluck Jonathan did not meet

with them, leaving a proxy to deliver a lecture that further angered the demonstrators.

"Another small window for Jonathan and he refuses to use it!" one protester yelled. "What a stupid move!"

The protesters complained that Jonathan did not even meet some of the parents of abducted children who came to see him earlier this month.

Many schools across the country also closed Thursday to protest recent abductions and the killings of scores of teachers by Islamic extremists in recent years.

In Maiduguri, the northeast city that is the birthplace of Boko Haram, protesting teachers said they "can no longer tolerate government insensitivity to the plight of the girls and the education sector."

In Abuja the marchers sang, "All we are saying is bring back our girls," to the tune of John Lennon's iconic "Give Peace a Chance."

Cabinet ministers and aides told the crowd of about 300

West blamed

Boko Haram — the nickname means "Western education is forbidden" — blames Western influences for endemic corruption that keeps most Nigerians in poverty despite the country's wealth of oil, minerals, agriculture and thriving movie industry.

people that Jonathan was not home. A message from the president was read urging Nigerians to unite and stop criticizing the government.

Civil society groups were counselled to "encourage Nigerians to supply useful information to the security services."

That inflamed the crowd since that is exactly what residents of Chibok did. If the military had responded to their warnings, the girls might never have been kidnapped.

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80 personnel

U.S. joins hunt for schoolgirls

Eighty U.S. Air Force personnel have begun their mission in Chad to help locate nearly 300 schoolgirls kidnapped in neighbouring Nigeria, a U.S. military spokesman said Thursday.

The girls and young women were kidnapped on April 15 from a school in the northeast Nigerian town of Chibok by an Islamic extremist group known as Boko Haram. The

group's leader has threatened to sell most of the estimated 276 schoolgirls still being held into slavery unless the Nigerian government releases detained militants.

President Barack Obama told Congress in a letter Wednesday about the deployment.

Obama said the service members will help with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft for missions over northern Nigeria and the nearby region.

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Death toll at 130. Search goes on for bomb victims

Family and friends of the wounded and missing continued to search for victims Thursday in the wake of two bomb blasts that rocked a bustling marketplace in the Nigerian city of Jos.

Residents say government action could have helped avert at least one of the two bombings Tuesday. The death toll has risen to at least 130, making them the deadliest bombings yet committed by Boko Haram extremists.

Market vendors said their suspicions were aroused by a white van that had been parked for hours under a pedestrian bridge, according to Mark Lipdo of the Christian charity Stefanos Foundation. He said they warned soldiers near a checkpoint, but nothing was done.

Many of the dead may never be identified, University of Jos student leader Dickson Odeh said after his group searched several hospital mortuaries.

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Canada to support seal hunt despite EU embargo

WTO. Challenging the EU ban on seal products proved to be unsuccessful

Canada lost its bid to overturn Europe's ban on imported seal products Thursday, but seized on World Trade Organization findings that aspects of the embargo breach international obligations.

A WTO appeal decision released in Geneva upheld a previous ruling that the European Union ban is "necessary to protect public morals" regarding animal welfare.

It says the embargo "constitutes a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination," particularly because of how exemptions for seal products from Inuit or indigenous com-

munities are handled. It also found "considerable ambiguity" in how terms such as "subsistence" are used for Inuit harvests. Canada appealed a November ruling that said while the EU seal ban undermines fair trade, those restrictions can be justified on "public moral concerns" for animal welfare.

Terry Audla, president of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami representing about 55,000 Canadian Inuit, said his people were never consulted and never agreed with the embargo or its uneven exceptions, adding that Inuit hunters are trying to feed their families and make a living in the modern economy.

Fisheries Minister Gail Shea said Ottawa will still support the industry through new product research and other measures. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Selfies with little Humphrey

The Toronto Zoo is working with a Mississauga school to discipline a few teens who hopped a fence at the polar bear maternity exhibit to touch and take selfies with a baby polar bear named Humphrey. **CONTRIBUTED**

Pamela Anderson

RCMP reaches out to actress regarding abuse allegations

The Mounties say they're "reaching out" to Pamela Anderson after the actress gave an emotional speech in France, recalling years of

sexual abuse as a child.

Anderson, who is from Ladysmith, B.C., spoke in detail at an event launching her charity. Anderson said that she was molested by a female babysitter between the ages of six and 10. She also said she was raped by a 25-year-old man when she was 12, then by a group of boys. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

U of Saskatchewan

President fired amid controversial cuts

University of Saskatchewan students who called for the school's president to resign say they're relieved that she has been fired.

Ilene Busch-Vishniac, who sparked controversy with planned budget cuts and the firing of a tenured professor who spoke out about them, was let go Wednesday night.

Nick Marlatte, who organized a rally earlier this week, said it's a good step towards restoring the Saskatoon-based school's reputation.

Prof. Robert Buckingham, who was also executive director of the School of Public Health, was fired after writing a letter to the government and Opposition about the cuts. He was offered back his tenure position, but was not reinstated as head of the School of Public Health.

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Calgary

Man accused of murder found mentally fit for trial

A man accused of killing five young people in Calgary's worst mass murder has been found fit to stand trial.

Matthew de Grood is charged with first-degree murder after four men and a woman were stabbed to death at a house party that was be-

ing held last month to mark the end of the university school year. De Grood, 22, had been ordered to undergo a 30-day assessment to determine whether he was mentally fit to stand trial. His lawyer, Allan Fay, said the finding has nothing to do with guilt or innocence.

Police have not said what they think motivated the attack. Jordan Segura, Kaiti Perras, Josh Hunter, Zackariah Rathwell and Lawrence Hong were killed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Bombings. Attackers kill 31 in China

Attackers hurled bombs from two SUVs that plowed through shoppers at a busy street market in China's volatile northwestern region of Xinjiang on Thursday, killing 31 people and wounding more than 90.

The early morning attack in the city of Urumqi was the bloodiest in a series of violent incidents over recent months that Chinese authorities have blamed on radical separatists from the country's Muslim Uighur minority.

Uighur activists contend that restrictive and discriminatory policies favouring the Chinese migrants are fuelling the bloodshed.

The two vehicles crashed through barriers at 7:50 a.m. and drove right into the crowds while setting off explosives, according to a statement by the Xinjiang regional government. It was unclear how many assailants were in the cars. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Thai government overthrown as military stages bloodless coup

Constitution scrapped. Nationwide curfew ordered; 18 government officials ordered to report to new governing military commission

Thailand's military seized power Thursday in a bloodless coup, dissolving the government, scrapping the constitution and dispersing groups of protesters from both sides of the country's political divide who had gathered in Bangkok and raised fears of a violent showdown.

The powerful army chief, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, announced the military takeover in a statement broadcast on national television. It was followed by additional announcements including a nationwide curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and an order for 18 government officials



Anti-government protesters raise fists and sing the Thai national anthem during a gathering in Bangkok on Thursday. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

— including the ousted prime minister — to report immediately to the country's new governing military commission.

Soldiers kept a low profile in the centre of the capital. But as the curfew approached, troops diverted traffic at key intersections and used armoured personnel carriers to block some main roads, including the one in front of

the U.S. Embassy. Soldiers dispersed most demonstrators from two protest sites where competing groups were camped out — one backing the now-ousted elected government and another that had struggled for seven months to unseat it.

Although the military insisted it wasn't taking sides, its ousting of the government

met the key goal of the anti-government protesters. The pro-government "Red Shirt" supporters had earlier said they would not tolerate a coup, but there were no immediate signs of resistance or reports of violence. The military provided hundreds of buses to take the protesters home.

An army spokesman later announced that it had dissolved the caretaker government and cancelled the constitution, but the Senate would remain in place. He said Prayuth would assume the duties of the prime minister until a new one was in place.

The army also ordered the suspension of all television broadcasting and replaced programming with patriotic music to fill air time between announcements.

The coup was the 12th since Thailand's absolute monarchy ended in 1932.

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Reaction

Army action chided by Canada

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has condemned the military takeover in Thailand and is urging a rapid return to civilian rule.

"Canada condemns the decision today by the Royal Thai Army to seize control from Thailand's elected government, to suspend the Thai constitution and to restrict civil liberties," he said in a statement.

The Thai ambassador in Ottawa was called in to hear Canada's concerns directly.

Baird says Canada wants action. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Olga Radchenko is heading back to her birth country — but not to visit relatives.

“The current situation has become so incredibly polarized,” says the 28-year-old, who moved to Toronto with her Ukrainian family at the age of 10. “I want to play a positive role. I hope this can help resolve the crisis.”

Radchenko left on Victoria Day as one of 500 Canadians observing Ukraine’s election. For a third time in a decade, a large delegation of Canadians are taking weeks off work to head to Ukraine. They’ll be attending campaign rallies, inspecting polling stations and watching ballot counts.

“I feel nothing short of honoured,” says Radchenko, echoing two other election observers who spoke to Metro. “I think it’s a great role for Canada to play.”

Governments who struggle with corruption often invite election observers from other countries to deter voter fraud, bolstering an election’s credibility. Ukraine’s Sunday election is being monitored by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), a group supported by 57 governments including Canada, the U.S. and Russia.

Radchenko has a good understanding of her 10-day duty as a short-term observer.

“The general job description is to be an unbiased observer of the electoral process leading up to the election; and the days of the vote counting, to watch carefully and to record what’s happening.”

The OSCE gives observers intensive training upon arrival in the country of the vote. Observers normally wear a lanyard, which election officers are trained to recognize. Observers are instructed to watch for anything that leads to an unfair vote.

Some examples given by

Past votes

Canada regularly sends handfuls of experienced observers to oversee elections being conducted under difficult circumstances. For example, two long-term observers joined an OSCE-led mission tracking Mongolia’s presidential elections last June. Others include:

- Ukraine’s 2012 parliamentary election — 490 observers
- Haiti’s 2011 presidential election — 30 observers
- Palestine’s 2006 parliamentary election — 58 observers

SOURCE: CANADEM

History

Modern election monitoring started with an 1857 vote in Romania, but the concept gained popularity after the end of the Cold War, as countries like Ukraine embraced democracy.

- While monitors produce a report, having watchers deters vote rigging.

monitoring groups include: making sure ballot boxes are empty before voting starts, verifying poll booths are secure, watching for intimidation, listening for campaigning from election officers, detailing how many ballots were disqualified and why, and making sure ballot boxes aren’t whisked away.

Most monitoring groups require observers stay in groups of two. Generally, observers don’t speak or ask questions unless they’re senior monitors investigating an incident. Observers take meticulous notes — often a detailed form for short-term observers — and report to their team leader, who supervises groups of five to 20 people. The findings are usually tallied in a brief report shortly after the vote and a more detailed one afterward.

Long-term observers like Michael MacKay of Ottawa are in Ukraine for up to 10 weeks. They’re monitoring



Michael MacKay, right, standing next to a Ukraine border guard in a recent photo. CONTRIBUTED

campaigns and media coverage and tracking the electoral commission’s logistics down to individual polling stations. Generally, they issue weekly reports and welcome the short-term observers.

“There’s an external pressure that was not present last two terms,” says MacKay, who also monitored Ukraine’s vote in 2010 and 2004, when Canada first sent a large delegation. “The stakes are higher than they’ve ever been.”

Governments who send delegates usually assign independent organizations to recruit and select observers. OSCE guidelines suggest candidates with prior monitoring experience and language skills. Most observers get

their foot in the door by applying for a country they’ve studied or lived in, according to Canada’s main civilian-reserve group, Canadem.

Many of the 1,500 Canadians who applied to observe Ukraine’s election are among the 1.2 million Canadians with Ukrainian roots. There’s also a contingent of academics who observe multiple elections. MacKay worked with people who had served in Kosovo, Sri Lanka and Haiti.

Transportation, insurance, meals and accommodation are covered by the governments — our government estimates the 500-strong delegation will cost \$10 million.

But for the observers it’s a big time commitment for

a vote with no guaranteed outcome, as Metro’s Saskatchewan columnist Christina Cherneskey knows well.

“To call the 2012 election democratic is a sham. I left without even knowing who won,” Cherneskey recalls.

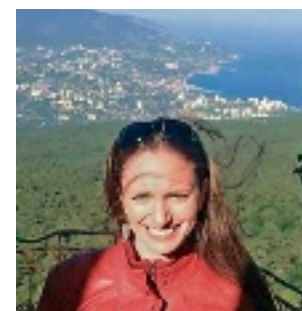
While voting went smoothly, she had to stay up all night to make sure nobody tampered with the ballot boxes. When someone finally came in the morning, they drove the ballots to the district office, where things seemed chaotic. Inside, it was an “exhausting, intense fiasco” where every scribble and acronym was used as an excuse to toss out votes.

“I left feeling empty,” she said.

Olga Radchenko

“I know that (the OSCE) has done this ... in various countries and in Ukraine specifically, so I’m not concerned.”

Communications consultant, Toronto, short-term observer



Michael MacKay

“The mood isn’t exhilaration; it’s a determination. They’re very realistic; they know there could be bad outcomes.”

IT consultant and instructor, Ottawa, long-term observer



Christina Cherneskey

“I’d say 95 per cent of people were happy we were there. They would thank us.”

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World's largest gold producer hit with suit

Barrick Gold Corp.
Class-action lawsuit launched after mine project in South America misses construction deadline

Several Canadian law firms are pursuing a class action against Barrick Gold Corp. and some of its current and former senior officers, alleging they misrepresented how much risk the company faced when it undertook construction of the multibillion-dollar Pascua-Lama mine project in South America.

The project involves one of the world's largest deposits of gold, estimated at nearly 18 million ounces, but the company missed its original target of starting production in early 2013 due to opposition from local groups



Mining machinery and barrels of chemicals at the facilities of Barrick Gold Corp.'s Pascua-Lama project in northern Chile. JORGE SAENZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

and Chilean authorities.

The suit, filed Wednesday with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, alleges Barrick described Pascua-Lama

as a feasible and highly economic project due to the low cost to construct the mine and to produce gold and silver from it, adding that the

company knew or should have known that it would have to overcome significant obstacles.

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'We are worth more!' Protesters not lovin' the low pay at McDonald's

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson sought to address a growing chorus of critics on issues including worker pay and marketing to children at its annual meeting Thursday.

As hundreds of protesters chanted for higher wages outside, Thompson told the audience in the building that the company

CEO responds

"We believe we pay fair and competitive wages."

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, at its annual meeting Thursday

has a heritage of providing job opportunities that lead to "real careers."

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Facebook

Dino reminds you your mom can see that drunk post

More Facebook users can expect to see a blue cartoon dinosaur popping up in their feeds, reminding them to check their privacy settings.

No stranger to privacy fiascos, Facebook had already made the tool available to users who were posting public updates.

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HASHTAG DICTIONARY SELFIE

1 Happy birthday, Mr. Rubik('s cube): The addictive Candy Crush is all the rage nowadays, but back in the day it was the of-fline game Rubik's cube. The cube turned 40 this week and its birthday trended on Twitter. Google even honoured it with a supercool 3-D interactive doodle. I never could solve the darn thing, but man it was a badge of honour to carry it around at school — almost completed.

2 #Dictionary. Further proof (like we needed it) that social media is where it's at: among the new words added to Merriam-Webster's 2014 collegiate dictionary are "hashtag," "selfie," "tweep" and "crowdfunding." Yep, it's cool to read the dictionary again, kids. Just make sure to live-tweet it as you study it — and watch your auto-correct.

3 Corey Hart about to hang up the sunglasses (at night). The '80s teen icon behind the hit singles *Sunglasses at Night* and *Never Surrender* has announced his May 31 concert at the Bell Centre in Montreal will be his last perform-



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ance. Also, he's releasing a self-published memoir, *Corey Hart: Chasing the Sun*. Here's hoping it includes a chapter on how we all chased his spiky hair look.

4 Cine-please, the movies are expensive enough. The Cineplex movie chain is doing a pilot program at the Varsity location in Toronto's Manulife Centre where patrons can pay extra to get prime seats in the middle rows of the theatre. This idea will either be a box-office smash or bust. Either way, it better come with extra-comfy chairs and buttered popcorn delivered to my seat.

5 See Doogie Howser, M.D., in celebrity rehab? Neil Patrick Harris's website teased out a unique upcoming autobiography that lets you choose the narrative — and the path of his life. Choose the right path on this adventure biography and get a tryout for Doogie Howser, M.D. Choose the wrong one and you could land yourself, er, him on a stint of *Celebrity Rehab*.

6 Enduring imagination. Brayden Denton, a five-year-old from Newton County, Ind., who died of brain cancer earlier this month, was a huge fan of superheroes — his favourite being Spider-Man. So when he passed away, his pallbearers dressed as Spidey, Batman, Superman, Thor, The Hulk and Iron Man. Brayden is in superhero heaven now. RIP, little guy.

7 May the Force (for Change) be with you. Donate \$10 and you could have the chance to appear in J.J. Abrams' *Star Wars: Episode VII* sci-fi sequel. This is part of a new charity campaign run by Disney called *Star Wars: Force for Change*, and the proceeds go to UNICEF's Innovation Labs. Great idea that more movies and TV shows should embrace and offer fans.

8 Polar bear, Pooh-Bear and the prince. It didn't have the hoopla of Will and Kate's rock star-esque tour of 2011, but Prince Charles and Camilla's four-day visit to Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and Manitoba did draw buzz in a country that loves its royals. It was capped off in Winnipeg with a bear theme: Charles fed a polar bear at Assiniboine Park Zoo, and the royally dynamic duo visited the Winnie the Pooh Gallery museum.

ZOOM

This is too close to bear!



German photographer Ingo Arndt got close to this brown bear using a robo-camera vehicle. COURTESY INGO ARNDT

Wildlife photography

Photog uses robo-car to snap bear

Grizzly bears may look cute and cuddly, but they can also pull off a wicked death scare. The many personalities of the brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) have been captured by award-winning wildlife photographer Ingo Arndt, who travelled to the remote Lake Clark National Park in Alaska to document the majestic beast. **MWN**

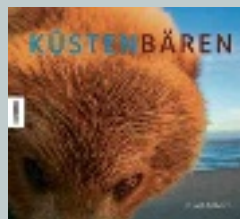
Up close and personal

"This female coastal brown bear still had her very woolly winter coat. The weather was just perfect for the photo: warm light on the bear's head, nice clouds and a blue sky. She really looks both fearsome and affectionate."

Ingo Arndt, wildlife photographer based in Langen, Germany

Book cover

Arndt's photos of grizzlies feature in new book "Coastal Bears" (*Küstenbären*), published by Knesebeck.



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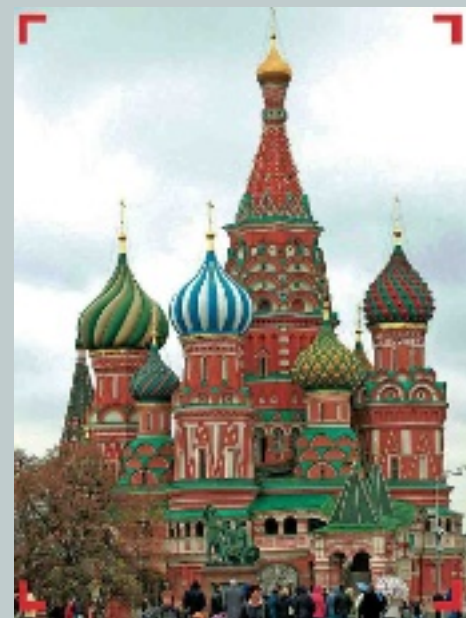
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Look, we get it. The "Meanwhile in Russia" thing is getting old and likely looking forward to retirement in *Played Out* country.

But sometimes one comes across a video — with zero context, mind you — that appears to be evidence of behaviour that sits so comfortably at the point where bizarre and reckless meet that, well, the only way to introduce it is "Meanwhile in Russia." (VideoCompilationTV/YouTube)



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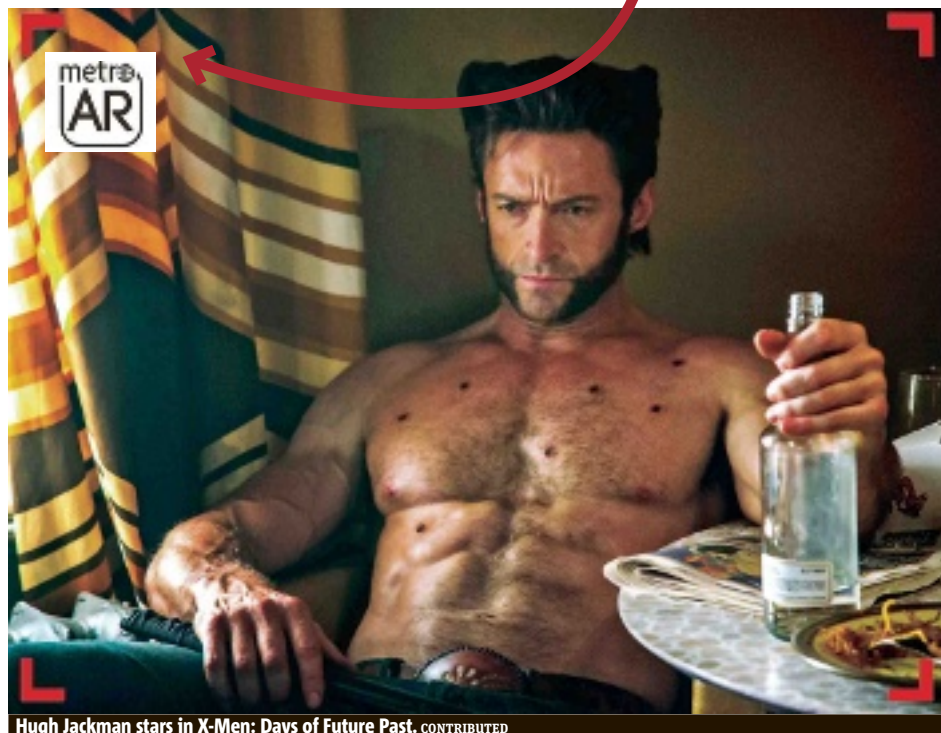
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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Hugh Jackman stars in X-Men: Days of Future Past. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Based on a 1981 two-issue special of the X-Men comic series, the new film begins in a post-apocalyptic future. Menacing robot warriors called Sentinels have created chaos for the mutant race, bringing them to the edge of extinction. To combat the threat, long-time enemies Professor X (Patrick Stewart) and Magneto (Ian McKellen) team up with Storm (Halle Berry), Blink (Fan Bingbing), Bishop (Omar Sy) and use Kitty Pryde's (Ellen Page) teleportation ability to send Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) back in time to change history and prevent the creation of the murderous automations.

• Richard: ●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●

X-Men. The latest instalment lives up to the franchise's reputation for smart, fun summer fare

Richard: Mark, Days of Future Past offers up two for the price of one. Merging the young versions of Magneto and Professor X with their older counterparts is a cool idea, and certainly gives the movie a boost in the marquee department, but I felt the old timers were left with their own heightened sense of drama and not much else. It seems a shame to have Mc-

Kellen and Stewart, the Martin and Lewis of mutants, on screen together and not give them much to do. What did you think?

Mark: This instalment really belongs to McAvoy, Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence and Michael Fassbender. I didn't care for the "future" plot with the fogey mutants, but I thought the movie snapped to attention when it flashed back to 1973. The sense of time and place seemed very authentic; in one scene Lawrence is dressed exactly like Carly Simon on the cover of her third album. I half expected her to launch into a rendition of You're So Vain at Fassbender. There's some in-

teresting historical revisionism revolving around JFK and Nixon that even conspiracy theorists would find preposterous — more X-Files than X-Men — but I appreciated the creative effort.

RC: It's a movie about time travel, mutants and serious actors like Michael Fassbender saying lines like, "We received a message from the future," so, of course, it's a little preposterous, but wrapped up in the time-bending plot are some interesting ideas about racism, tolerance, war and rebellion. Not usually the stuff of summer blockbusters, but the X-Men franchise has always been a bit brainier than most. At times it's a bit

too ponderous, but I'll take that over the flash-and-trash of most CGI epics.

MB: Me too. I like the franchise for its superior acting, plotting, and its whiff of Ayn Rand objectivism. But it's got a sense of humour, too, which is rarely found in these epics. There's a fantastic scene in this movie where Evan Peters as the young Quicksilver, who can move faster than human time, rearranges an entire tableau of bad guys so they wind up hurting themselves instead of our heroes. But he does it with such juvenile glee that it captures the joy of being a powerful mutant and an adolescent prankster. And cast-

ing height-challenged Peter Dinklage to play a scientist out to destroy the "outsiders" is brilliantly ironic.

RC: The actors are all good, but I would argue that the real stars of the film are the ideas. Magneto, Professor and Wolverine are all complex, cool characters that bring the film's themes to life; all the rest is set dressing, except for the Quicksilver scene you mentioned. That was like The Matrix without Keanu's hang-dog expression.

MB: Oh, and just a warning, Richard. When I googled the film there was a link to a movie called XXX Men. Do NOT click on this link!

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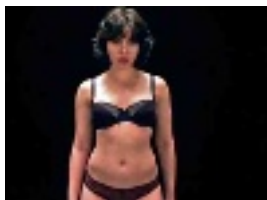
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Sci-Fi



Under the Skin

Director. Jonathan Glazer

Stars. Scarlett Johansson, Paul Brannigan

Scarlett Johansson plays an alien in human form who is on a journey through Scotland.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 86% Audience: 🍌 63%

Comedy



Blended

Director. Frank Coraci

Stars. Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

After a disastrous blind date, single parents Lauren and Jim agree on only one thing: They never want to see each other again. But when they each sign up separately for a fabulous family vacation with their kids, they are all stuck sharing a suite at a luxurious African safari resort for a week in Blended, the third comedy collaboration between stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍌 11% Audience: + 87%

Filmmaker shows Night Moves

Behind the greens. Kelly Reichardt peeks into the psyches of environmental terrorists



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Filmmaker Kelly Reichardt's Night Moves offers an intimate look into the lives of three radical environmentalists (played by Jesse Eisenberg, Dakota Fanning and Peter Sarsgaard) looking to blow up a hydroelectric dam as a form of protest. And it's quite a detailed look — though she stops short of actually explaining how to build a bomb.

Environmental issues seem to be popping up in films more and more, as the issue is clearly not going away.

But it's been part of the conversation for a really long time. I can't remember when Earth First started, but people have been trying to lay their bodies down in front of bulldozers



Night Moves stars Dakota Fanning, Jesse Eisenberg and Peter Sarsgaard.
CONTRIBUTED

that are going to knock down trees for quite a while now, you know? But nevertheless, we were just really trying to make something that was today and just create a world, basically.

Where did this idea come from?

I don't know, it's been in the air with us for a while. My producer, Neil Kopp, was born and raised in Oregon, and Neil had grown up with a kid who had done something pretty radical that put him in

jail for a while. If you're in the Northwest, it's around you. It's easy to wonder where the waterways came from, it's easy to look at the clear-cuts. People talk about the salmon a lot, so it's all sort of in the air. But then also I had just re-read Crime and Punishment and we were drawn to this type of process film, like Riffifi, where you take time out in the middle of a film to really show how something's done. That was really attractive to me, the small steps to get to something as opposed to the big moment

at the end of it. Basically how to take this little world that we hadn't seen represented in film so much and put it into the framework of a more traditional genre, and what would that look like?

Of course, when you're showing how people construct a bomb, you don't want to be too detailed.

Oh, you can go on the Internet and figure out how to build a bomb really quickly if you want, you know? For better or worse. I don't think ours acts as a real how-to guide in any way.

Right, you aren't naming types of charges or fuses, at least.

No, but you can Google Timothy McVeigh and find out everything you ever wanted to know, sadly, about building a bomb. You might not even want to put that in your article. My father was on the bomb squad for 20 years in Miami when I grew up, and I can remember being a teenager and some of my sister's friends stealing some of my dad's bomb-building books. The information's out there.



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Falling in love with The Rock

The Grand Seduction.

Brendan Gleeson and Taylor Kitsch lived the laid-back life while filming movie



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The Grand Seduction premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival last September, but the movie's star was more concerned about an audience a little east of there.

"I felt they would let us know if they didn't like it," says Brendan Gleeson.

The film is set in a small Newfoundland harbour named Tickle Head where the town fathers have a bid on a petrochemical byproduct repurposing plant that makes ... well, it doesn't matter, as they say in the movie, it makes jobs.

One key element that's missing, however, is a local doctor.

When Paul Lewis (Taylor



Brendan Gleeson and Taylor Kitsch soaked up the laid back life while they were filming The Grand Seduction, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Kitsch), a city slicker plastic surgeon, lands in the harbour for a month-long residency, the entire place (population: 121) bands together to convince him to stay — by any means necessary. "I really wanted to be at the premier in St. John's," said Gleeson, who is best known as

Alastor 'Mad-Eye' Moody in the Harry Potter series, "because to me, if the movie worked there, I could let it go. That's all I cared about, really. It needed to have the imprimatur of the Newfoundlanders on it for me. Their reaction was quiet until they felt the reassurance that it

was OK, that they could trust it a little bit more."

The production spent seven weeks shooting on The Rock.

"The land and the sea in Newfoundland has a way of worming itself into your heart where you don't feel quite complete without it," said Gleeson.

Co-star Kitsch concurs. "It's a very simple (way of life)," he says, "and obviously the pace is a lot slower, but once you get into that, you don't want to leave it. They are very in the moment when you're talking to them. You feel like they are incredibly genuine and grounded

and there's no ulterior motive," he said. "Maybe I'm a bit jaded because of the business, but it is refreshing. It is kind of what it means to be a Canadian."

Kitsch spent his off hours training for Lone Survivor, a Mark Wahlberg war film he shot immediately after wrapping on The Grand Seduction but he took some time to enjoy a great Newfoundland pastime — fishing. "My best friend is an avid fisherman," he says, "so he'd be figuring out what was going on with the moon and what the best tide is and when we should go and would get genuinely upset if we weren't there at exactly 6:12 a.m. dropping lures into the water."

The Kelowna, B.C.-born Kitsch is an in-demand actor these days and can currently be seen in the HBO movie The Normal Heart, but says he'd love to do more work in Canada. "I absolutely loved being in Canada," he says, "working on home soil with a bunch of Canadians. "If the opportunity presents itself and it's right, I'm in."

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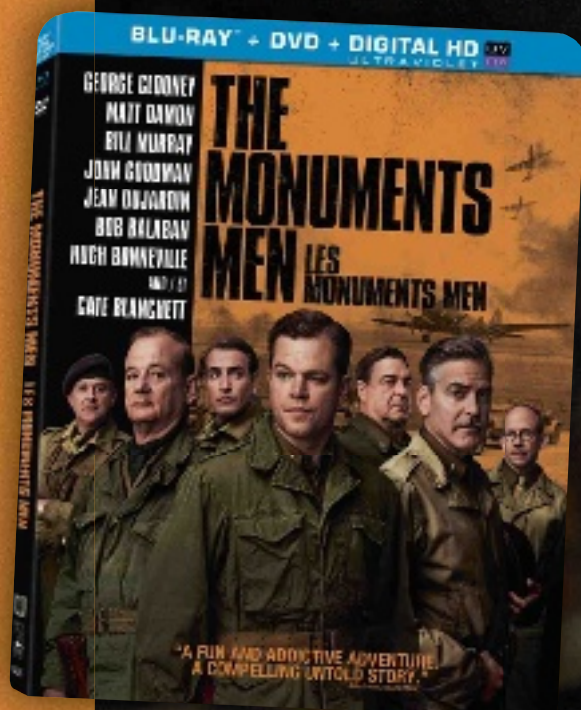
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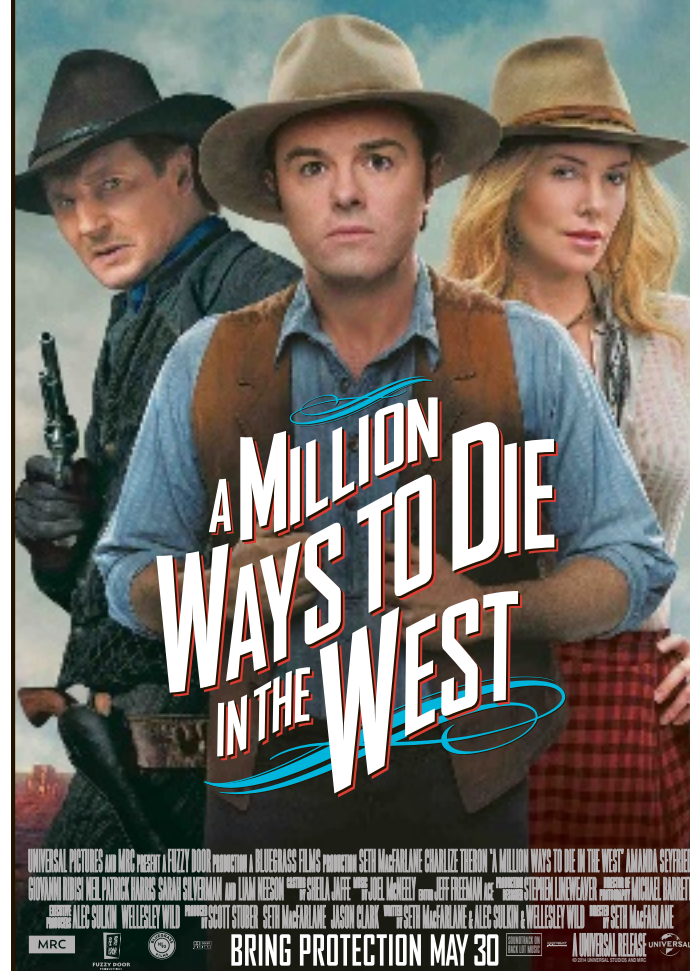
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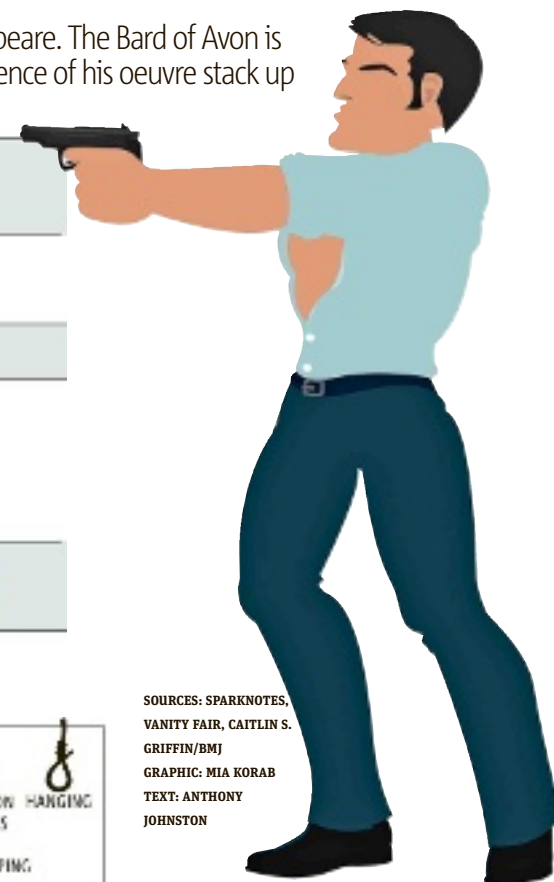
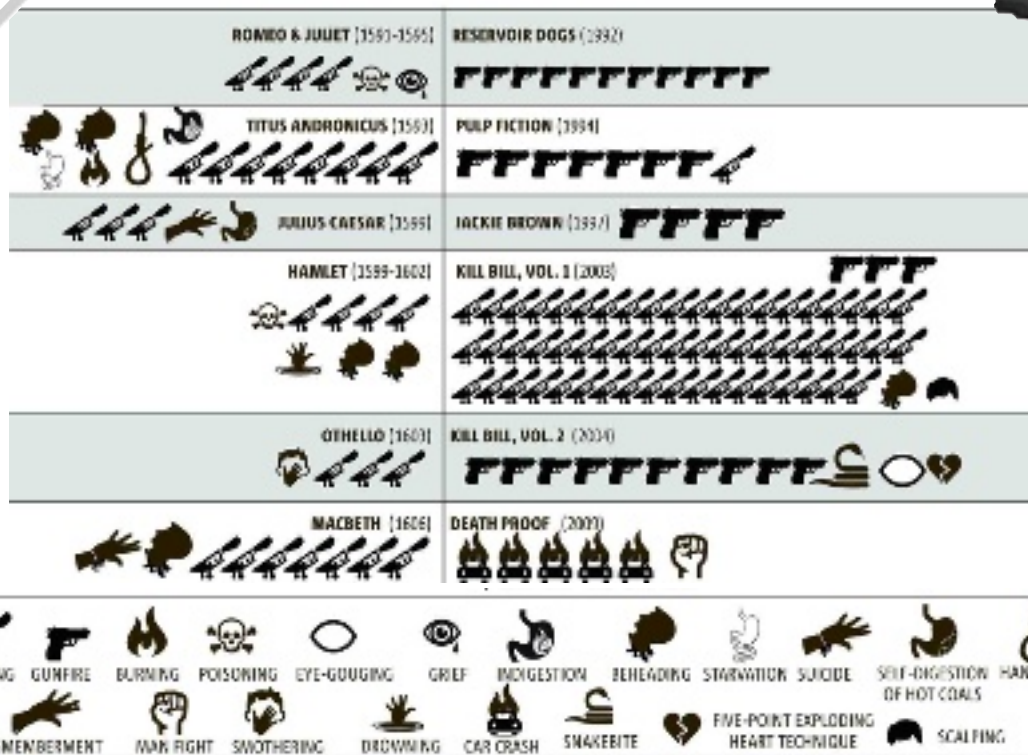
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Murder most foul: A Shakey-Quentin smackdown

This year, lovers of literature are celebrating the 450th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare. The Bard of Avon is known in part for his dramatic, and at times disturbing, portrayals of death, but how does the violence of his oeuvre stack up against that of the master of big-screen mayhem, Quentin Tarantino?



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Philip Roth poses for a photo in the offices of his publisher Houghton Mifflin in 2008. RICHARD DREW/FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Retired’ Philip Roth to be interviewed by Stephen Colbert for book club

Philip Roth, one of the world’s most celebrated novelists, is apparently confused about the meaning of the word “retirement.”

All it took to upend his latest farewell was an invitation from Stephen Colbert.

Comedy Central spokesman Steve Albani said on Wednesday that Roth has agreed to an “extended interview” in July for the Colbert Book Club.

The 81-year-old Roth has more than once announced

he has given his last interview and over the past two weeks has insisted he’s done with making public appearances. One promise to quit has been kept: He hasn’t released a new book since 2010.

Known for such works as Portnoy’s Complaint and the Pulitzer Prize-winning American Pastoral, Roth has rarely appeared on television and Colbert may not seem the most obvious candidate to lure him to the small screen.

But the comedian and heir to David Letterman on the Late Show is widely respected in the literary community. He has been among the most popular speakers at BookExpo America, publishing’s annual national convention, and his many author interviews include a hilarious talk with Maurice Sendak that aired in 2012.

According to Albani, the entire episode will be dedicated to Roth. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A beautifully sad song about a lost love from a self-described anti-freak folkist from Michigan. The video features Nathan lip-syncing the song while trying to hold a sheep. No, I don't know why. From his upcoming album, Methodist Girls, due July 8.



Go to Go/ ADAM

The song by this five-piece all-female EDM group from the Netherlands is fine. But what is really grabbing attention is the video that features all five (fully-clothed) members' attempt to sing the song while a vibrator — unseen — enters the situation. Sort of NSFW, yet not.



Girls/Sizzy Rocket

A brilliant cover of the Beastie Boys classic, re-engineered to be non-sexist and pro-female. Well done.

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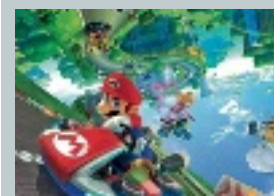
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With karts that can stick to the ground, Nintendo is free to take their courses vertical into gravity-defying swells and loops that — thanks to enriched, dazzling graphics — you feel in the pit of your stomach. The core racing remains unchanged, but with a better sense of visual motion. It's the music though, with unfortunate jazz wanderings, that feels one-dimensional. Yes, there are new characters and new boomerang and flower weapons, but it's the online racing and video sharing that add new twists to this family favourite.

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Kristen Stewart is 'blossoming': director

Clouds of Sils Maria.

Olivier Assayas says the star is 'just a great actress by any standard'

Olivier Assayas says moviegoers will see Kristen Stewart like they've never seen her before in his Cannes entry *Clouds of Sils Maria*.

"It's really something that you have not seen her in," says Assayas. "She's warm, funny, witty."

The film, which debuts Friday at Cannes, stars Juliette Binoche as a popular actress who's shattered by the competition of a young rival (Chloe Grace Moretz). She and her assistant (played by Stewart) withdraw to *Sils Maria*, Switzerland.

Stewart was first suggested by *Sils Maria* producer Charles Gillibert, who produced the



Kristen Stewart plays an actress's assistant in *Clouds of Sils Maria*. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Jack Kerouac adaptation *On the Road* — which brought Stewart to Cannes two years ago. The *Twilight* star was unavailable, so Assayas and producers then cast Mia Wasikowska. But Wasikowska had to drop out, at which point Stewart's schedule opened up.

"Kristen, whatever image one has of her, ultimately she's just a great actress by any standard," says Assayas. "I was just completely amazed by the range of Kristen. I'm so honoured to be working with her at this moment when she's blossoming."

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Mike Myers says Kanye 'spoke a truth' during Katrina relief telecast

It only took nine years, but Mike Myers is finally chiming in on his infamous befuddlement standing next to Kanye West after the rapper let loose with, "George Bush doesn't care about black people," during a televised Hurricane Katrina relief benefit. "For me it isn't about the look of embarrassment on my face, it is truly about the injustice that was happening in New

Orleans," Myers tells GQ magazine. "I'm the guy next to the guy who spoke a truth. I assume that George Bush does care about black people — I mean, I don't know him, I'm going to make that assumption — but I can definitively say that it appeared to me watching television that had that been white people, the government would have been there faster."

For Axl Rose, retirement is Paradise City: Guns N' Roses set to split soon

It looks like it's the end of the road for Guns N' Roses, as the rock band is set to split following its current Las Vegas residency so that Axl Rose — the only remaining original member of the band — can retire. "Axl has made enough money and wants to stop touring. He is considering retiring," a source tells Radar Online. "Band members have been told their calendars are free following Vegas. Axl is considering retiring and it's done. Band members and sup-



Axl Rose

port staff were surprised when told the news and are actively looking for work."

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The Word



Miley thinks JLaw needs to get it together

CHRISTINA PACIOLLA
Metro World News

Jennifer Lawrence stopped by Late Night with Seth Myers to promote her new film X-Men: Days of Future Past, and told Myers and the audience an embarrassing story. Not our JLaw!

In the past, Lawrence says, she hasn't gone to any awards show after-parties, but this year, she brought her best friend to the Oscars and the duo partied

down. In fact, JLaw partied so hard that she threw up all over the front porch at Madonna's "big fancy party" post-Oscars.

"I've never gone out after Golden Globes or Oscars or anything. I'm just so sick of people by that point. I'm like, 'Ugh, God!' But this time I was like, 'I'm going out.' And I puked all over," she reveals. "I was in such bad condition, and I look behind me while I'm puking and Miley Cyrus is there like, 'Get it together.'"

When Miley Cyrus (she of tongue-wagging, molly-bragging, weed-cake-eating fame) looks at you like that, that's when you know you've got a problem.



Barbra Streisand

Prude or prejudice? Barbra turned off by art book of 'beautiful' gay sex pictures

According to The Normal Heart playwright Larry Kramer, longtime gay icon Barbra Streisand isn't actually so down with the gays. Kramer worked closely with Streisand after she bought the rights to the play, about the early days of the AIDS crisis. "I bought her a book of very beautiful art pictures of two men making love, and she found it very distasteful," Kramer tells the New York

Times. He also took a dig at Streisand by praising director Ryan Murphy, who eventually adapted the play into a film after funding it with his own money, which Kramer says "shows how much he wanted to do this, and how tacky it sort of is that Barbra never would think of something like that." Streisand, for her part, insists her reaction to the photos was a "matter of taste, not gender."

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Where are you, spring?



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I've given up waiting for spring, not to mention summer. I keep looking at the calendar and then out the window, and nothing seems to be jiving.

Though it may be rainy and cold in most parts of our "wonderful" country, I'm determined to embrace reality and sit out on my deck even if it is with an umbrella in hand.

The liquid philosophy that certain wines are tied to a specific season has always rubbed me the wrong way. While a big-boned red may not be the ideal tippie after mowing the lawn in early August; that doesn't mean you couldn't enjoy a glass with a barbecued steak come dinnertime.

Of course, some wineries target the seasons. E & J Gallo's Barefoot Refresh Summer Red (\$11.95 - \$15.99) has one in its name.

A blend of pinot noir rosé and moscato, it's a glass full of lightly sweet, freshly crushed red berries that go as well with warmer weather as it would with Christmas dinner.

Serving tip: Try over ice. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Want a delightful contrast of juicy, crunchy and creamy textures? Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, shows us a salad that meets those expectations from her cookbook, *The Free Range Cook*.



Pear, Walnut and Haloumi Salad: A plate of contrasts



THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
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1. Heat 3 tbsp of the neutral oil in a fry pan and fry the walnuts over a medium heat until lightly browned — about 2-3 minutes. Lift out of the oil with a slotted spoon and drain on a paper towel. Reserve the oil to dress the salad. Alternatively, roast them dry on an oven tray at 180 C for 12-15 minutes.

2. Halve and core the pears and slice each half into 6-8 wedges. Place in a mixing bowl and dress gently with the lemon juice.

3. Heat the remaining 1 tbsp oil in a fry pan over a high heat. Fry the haloumi slices until they are golden on both sides.

4. Place watercress or spinach in a large mixing bowl. Add the pears and their juices, the walnuts and their oil (if the wal-

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp neutral oil (e.g. grapeseed)
- 1 cup fresh walnut pieces
- 2 just ripe pears
- juice of 1/2 lemon
- 250 g haloumi, thinly sliced
- 6 handfuls (150 g) fresh watercress sprigs or baby spinach leaves
- 2 avocados, cut into chunks (optional)
- salt and ground black pepper



This recipe serves six as a starter. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

nuts have been baked, add 2 tablespoons olive oil), the fried haloumi and the avocado, if using. Season to taste with salt and pepper then toss gently.

Transfer to a serving bowl or individual plates to serve.

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Pears in Verjuice: A unique take on dessert

1. Peel the pears, leaving them whole with their stalks intact.

Ingredients

- 6 just-ripe pears with stems intact
 - 3 cups (750 ml) Verjuice
 - 1/4 cup honey
 - 1 cinnamon stick
- Verjuice**
- 1.6 kg unripe grapes

Take a fine slice off the bottom of each pear to enable them to stand for serving. Put to one side.

2. Place Verjuice (see right), honey and cinnamon stick into a pot and bring to a simmer, stirring once or twice. Add the pears and poach for 30 minutes, turning occasionally.

3. Remove the pears from the pot and reduce the sauce by

two thirds. Serve the pears drizzled with sauce. They will keep for over a week in the fridge.

Verjuice

1. Purée the grapes in a food processor. Press the pulp through a strainer lined with 4-5 layers of fine muslin to remove the skins and seeds. Pour the juice into a jug or bottle and refrigerate for use within 12 hours or freeze for later use. **ANNABEL LANGBEIN, GUSTOTV.COM**

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League's-best Buehrle helps Jays sweep Sox

MLB. Pitcher maintains hot streak as Toronto sluggers continue to blast off versus Boston

Mark Buehrle won his major league-leading eighth game, Melky Cabrera and Jose Bautista homered on consecutive pitches, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox 7-2 on Thursday for a three-game sweep.

Toronto improved to 8-2 in its last 10 games, while Boston lost its seventh straight.

Buehrle (8-1) allowed two runs in the first two innings and left after giving up seven hits and no walks with five strikeouts in seven innings. He retired 11 of his last 12 batters.

He began the day tied with Zach Greinke, Rick Porcello and Adam Wainwright with seven wins each. The Dodgers' Greinke was scheduled to pitch against the New York Mets on Thursday night.

Buehrle's only loss came at home against Boston on April 25 when he allowed seven runs in an 8-1 loss.

Jon Lester (4-6) had his worst outing of the season, allowing seven runs on seven hits through 1 1-3 innings. Then he settled down and retired 12 straight batters before giving up a single to Kevin Pillar with one out in the seventh. But Pillar was caught stealing.

Lester left with one out in the seventh after allowing 10 hits and striking out just three. He had averaged an AL-best 10.83 strikeouts per nine



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Mark Buehrle pitches to the Boston Red Sox during the first inning at Fenway Park, Thursday, in Boston. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Thursday

7

Blue Jays

2

Red Sox

AL East beware

"He just missed some spots and they're hot right now. Missed spots against these guys, they're going to whack it."

Boston's A.J. Pierzynski

innings.

Lester retired the first batter of the game, Jose Reyes, on a grounder. But Cabrera hit a 1-0 pitch for his eighth homer and Bautista followed with his 12th. Both were to left field.

Toronto kept rolling in the second when six of its first seven batters reached base on five hits and a walk. Steve Tolleson and Pillar singled and moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Anthony Gose. Reyes then doubled in both runners

and stole second. Cabrera walked and Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion followed with RBI singles. Bautista came across with the fifth run of the inning when Brett Lawrie grounded into a forceout at second, making it 7-1.

The inning ended when centre fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. made a diving catch on a fly ball by Dioner Navarro.

Boston scored in the first on a leadoff double by Dustin Pedroia and a single by Jonny Gomes, then added a run in the second on Xander Bogaerts' third homer.

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NBA owner

Cuban apologizes for racism remark

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban apologized Thursday to Trayvon Martin's family over his choice of words in an interview in which he addressed bigotry and prejudice.

"We're all prejudiced in one way or the other," Cuban said in the Inc. interview. "If I see a black kid in a hoodie and it's late at night, I'm walking to the other side of the street. And if on that side of the street, there's a guy that has tattoos all over his face — white guy, bald head, tattoos everywhere — I'm walking back to the other side of the street."

"In hindsight I should have used different examples," Cuban wrote Thursday. "I didn't consider the Trayvon Martin family, and I apologize to them for that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World championship

Canada Finnished in quarter-finals

When Team Canada pushed, Pekka Rinne shoved back. The result was Finland moving on and Canada going home.

Rinne made 36 saves as Canada dropped a 3-2 decision Thursday at the world hockey championship at Chizhovka Arena. It was the fifth straight year that Canada has been eliminated in the quarter-finals.

"We had a couple breakdowns," said Canadian captain Kevin Bieksa. "We knew going into this game that the Finns were a team that would sit back and capitalize on our mistakes, and they made us pay tonight."

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Blackhawks regroup after L.A. beatdown



Michal Handzus of the Blackhawks controls the puck against Jake Muzzin and Jonathan Quick of the Kings in Game 2. Chicago will look to put the pressure back on L.A. in Game 3 after being trounced 6-2. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

Although Chicago and Los Angeles have won the last two Stanley Cup titles, Matt Greene and his fellow Kings realize the Blackhawks have been superior whenever the two championship teams were on the ice together recently.

Chicago's recent mastery of the Kings completely came apart in one crazy period, and the Blackhawks are headed to the West Coast to figure out how to get it back.

When the teams return Saturday night for Game 3 of the Western Conference finals, the

Kings hope to build on their five-goal third period in a 6-2 victory on Wednesday night, which evened the series in dramatic fashion.

Until Game 2, Chicago had beaten the Kings six straight times and in nine of the clubs' last 10 meetings dating back to last season's conference finals. The Blackhawks had been faster and more offensively creative than the Kings, but it all went away in a barrage of goals that set a distinctly different tone for Game 3.

"It's been a series that's

gone in their favour for the last couple of years now," Greene said Thursday at the Kings' training complex. "We've got to do our best to change that."

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Go to metronews.ca for more NHL playoff coverage, including the result of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference final.



Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20
Money issues have taken centre stage for some time but now the Sun has changed signs you should be a bit more relaxed about what you own and what you earn. If your social life has suffered make up for it today.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21
You need to come down to earth and deal with matters of a practical nature. Above all, you must be sensible with money, especially if you are the kind of Taurus who takes an "easy come, easy go" attitude to cash.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21
Your head and heart are working in harmony now, so anything you begin over the next few days will be successful. Don't let the doubters talk you into changing your plans.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23
To make sense of what occurred in recent weeks you need to stand back and see life from a wider perspective. What is it all for? Where is it all taking you? These are the sort of questions you need to ask.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23
It may seem as if you have reached your limits. There are people who will happily help you out but what you need to realize is they can't read your mind. If you need help — ask!

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Over the next few days you will get the chance to put some of your big ideas to the test. One of those ideas could turn your life around and send you off in a direction you never imagined.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
One of the best times of the year for you is now under way, so get rid of any negative attitudes and start looking forward to all the good things that will be coming your way.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The more you try to give up things you know aren't good for you, the more you end up indulging. Maybe you need to wallow in what you desire until you desire it no more.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Now that the Sun has moved into the partnership area of your chart, you will have to take what others think and see and need into account more than you usually do.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Over the next few days you will have to decide what is worth carrying on with and what needs to be junked. Don't let sentiment play a part in your decision: put your needs first.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Dark days are behind you and everything light. Well, maybe it's not that good — yet. But it's now within your power to change your life in major ways. Forget about yesterday, today is the only day that matters.

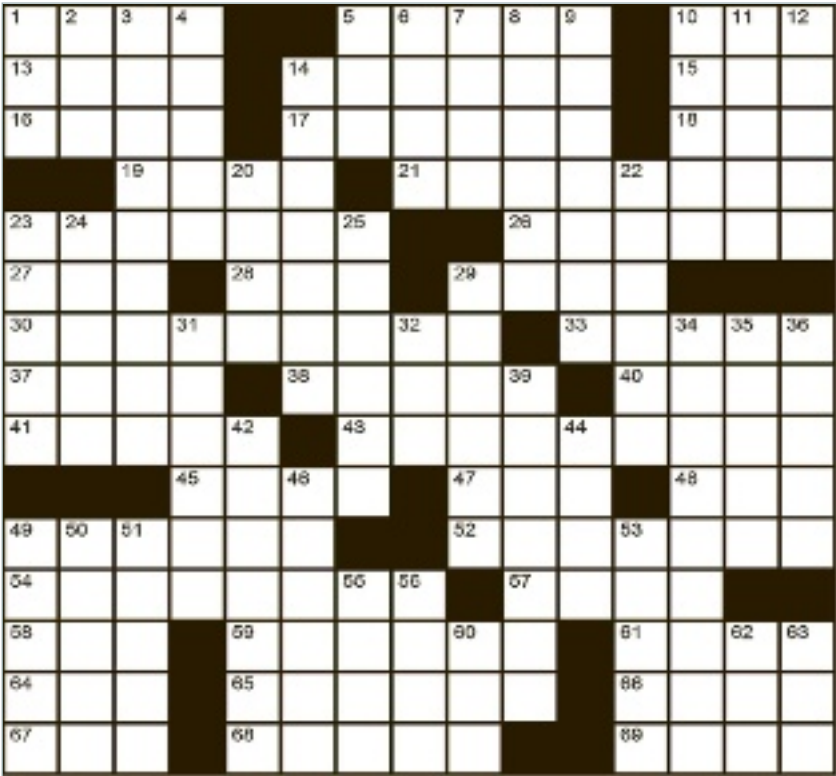
Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20
Social activities are important, of course, but your home life is what you should be focusing on now. If there are problems in the domestic sphere it's unlikely you will be happy in other areas, so look for solutions — you'll find them. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Mag. readership
- Plank
- Alsatian artist Jean
- Crosswords creature
- Follow
- Chemin de ____ ('Railroad' in French)
- Agyness ____ (English model)
- Canadian channel, Travel + ____
- "Eww! Don't tell me!"
- Sunup
- Stir-fry veggies: 2 wds.
- City Opera Vancouver's new show making its world premiere tonight (See #54-Across for more!)
- Seizes control
- Handheld add-on
- ____-pack (Sit-up doer's goal)
- Non-nobleman
- "Don't Walk Past": New Wave hit for what Canadian band?: 2 wds.
- ____ male
- Honolulu gifts
- TV show: French
- Persian Gulf land
- Kiln kinds
- Southwestern Ontario: Lake Erie community with an Imperial Oil refinery
- Tilled
- Active ingred. in marijuana



- "Alice" boss
- Literary introductions
- ____ Cat
- For the opera about the Mohawk/Quaker poet and performer at #23-Across... Music: Tobin Stokes - ____; Margaret Atwood

- Tartan-wearing bunch
- Noun's li'l modifier
- Beauty treatments site: 2 wds.
- Palomino's pace
- Bee's follower
- On ____ basis
- Stagnate
- Ouest's opposite

- Brewer's ____
 - Convict's unit
- Down**
- Scoundrel
 - Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9 ____ Minor"
 - Canadian actor whose roles include Michael on "La

- Femme Nikita" and Maurice Richard in "The Rocket" (2005): 2 wds.
- Ship's 'locked' route
- Greyhound vehicle
- Hostile-to-Hobbits humanoids
- "____ example..."
- "Supermodel (You

- Better Work)" singer
- ____ diving
- Blue Rodeo's "____ the Rain"
- Update a route
- Fuddy-duddy
- Phased-out Canadian coins
- Will-o'-the-____
- ____ Works and Government Services Canada
- Mr. Picasso
- Cop ____ (Bargain in court)
- Stretch
- Some fabrics
- Biblical heroine
- Canadian rapper, JD ____
- k.d. lang's "Friday Dance ____"
- Cod-like fishies
- Anoint, archaically
- 'E' in PETA
- Glass Tiger hit
- 'Alphabet' suffix
- Mansion's setting
- Canada ____ (Pink-hued government building in Edmonton)
- Fairground features
- ____ d'art
- Coldplay's recent song
- Ms. Banks
- 'Psych' suffix
- Toronto-born actor Mr. Mastroianni
- Chicago's state [abbr.]
- ____. number

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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